

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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GROUNDWATER RECHARGING SCHEMES BY NABARD  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been given Rs.1,800 crore for groundwater recharging schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified for the purpose?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India is implementing the scheme of groundwater recharging. The funds for the scheme are to be channelized through the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

So far, no funds have been released to NABARD under the scheme. The Scheme is to be operated in all the over-exploited, critical and semi-critical blocks of the seven hard rock states of the country, i.e., Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. The total number of blocks/mandals/talukas to be covered are given below :

| States | Semi-critical | Critical | Over exploited | Total |
|--------|---------------|----------|----------------|-------|
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|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 175 | 77  | 219 | 471   |
| Gujarat        | 69  | 12  | 31  | 112   |
| Karnataka      | 14  | 3   | 65  | 82    |
| MP             | 19  | 5   | 24  | 48    |
| Maharashtra    | 23  | 1   | 7   | 31    |
| Rajasthan      | 14  | 50  | 140 | 204   |
| Tamil Nadu     | 57  | 33  | 142 | 232   |
| Total          | 371 | 181 | 628 | 1,180 |